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## BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

E. L. Bates has returned from a few days stay in New York.

Mrs. William Andrews went to Troy this morning for a few weeks visit.

Repairs and improvements are being made in the interior of the Elks rooms.

Mrs. L. B. Parker of North Adams is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. L. Harbour.

Mrs. M. C. Klock has returned from Little Falls where she was called by the illness of relatives.

Mrs. E. A. Booth entertained a few friends at cards at her home Friday evening. Refreshments were served.

A class of children received their first holy communion at St. Francis de Sales church this morning at 7 o'clock.

Myron Barton has finished work at LaFortune's restaurant and also Mrs. Barton, who has been working there.

Repairs and improvements have been made on the tenement house of the Holden Realty company near the scale works.

There will be a meeting of the Father Mathew, T. A. B., society in the Knights of Columbus rooms following late mass Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Jones, who has been visiting at her former home here for several weeks, will go today to her home in Oneonta for a few days stay.

The local high school baseball team left this noon for Waterford where they will play this afternoon with the high school team of that place.

Mrs. Robert H. Merrill of Old Bennington and her guest Mrs. E. R. Whitworth of Attleboro Falls, Mass., are passing the day in Troy.

Assistant Postmaster H. F. Robinson, Mrs. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Keeseaman returned Friday from a visit in New York and New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. William F. Ashton, who was called here by the illness of her sister, Mrs. B. D. Elliott of the Bennington Flats, returned this morning to Pittsfield.

The rooms of the Y. M. C. A. are open to all men and older boys on Sundays from 3.30 to 6 p. m. The social room is equipped with 25 or more periodicals for reading.

District Attorney Clarence P. Niles and Mrs. Niles were given a woden shower at their home in Pittsfield Thursday evening in honor of their 5th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Niles was formerly Miss Jennie Hatch of Bennington.

There will be an hour of story telling by "Doc" Miller at the Y. M. C. A. tonight beginning at 8 o'clock. All boys and young men whether members of the Association or not will be very welcome to spend the evening at the building. There will be stories of war, adventure, hunting and slavery and an interesting hour is assured all who can plan to be present.

## POWNA CENTER

Miss Pauline Hicks of Rowe, Mass., at Miss Florence McGurk of North Adams were recent guests of Miss Frances Campbell.

## NEW COURT EXPENSIVE

Judge Donaway Criticizes Sending Courts Around County.

Rutland, May 21.—Urging the members of the Rutland county bar to do their utmost to save the best of the new legislation for municipal courts and reformed judicial procedure, Judge Elmore L. Waterman last night counseled co-operation with the courts and an optimistic view of the recently enacted laws.

This was notwithstanding the frank statement of James B. Donaway of the Middlebury Municipal court and State's Attorney C. V. Poulin of this county that the new Municipal court bill, at least, was a mistake and would cost the state money.

"The law makes the court a piece of traveling machinery," said Judge Donaway. "It must go into whatever town an offense is committed and give the respondent a common-law jury trial of 12 men. It will cost \$35 for fees and fine to convict a common drunk. It will be necessary to keep a roster of 50 jurymen in every town on file, which would mean 1400 in this county."

"The state made a serious error in providing for a 12-man jury, a stenographer and all the paraphernalia of a court of record. The new courts, also, will overlap the county courts in many respects. One thing we all agreed upon, however, and that is that the archaic, common-law system of trials by justice of the peace should be done away with."

## POWNA

There has been no school in Miss Brimmer's room for the past two days as Supt. of Schools D. T. Bates has been giving the state examinations to the pupils of the 8th and 9th grades. If they pass this examination the town is obliged to pay their tuition in High school.

## COL. WM. P. HENRY DIES

Brookline, Mass., Man Was Native of Barnard, Vt.

Boston, May 20.—Col. William P. Henry, president of the Vermont Veterans' Association of Boston, died this morning at his home, 16 Winslow road, Brookline. His title was obtained by his appointment to the staff of Gen. Wheeler G. Vasey, during the latter's term of office as commander in chief of the G. A. R.

Col. Henry was born 69 years ago in Barnard, Vt. He enlisted at the age of 16 in the 16th Vermont regiment, serving for one year. He re-enlisted with the 1st Vermont cavalry and served under Gen. Butler till the end of the war.

He came to Boston in 1869 and in 1874 became junior partner in the firm of Bacon & Henry, provision dealers, in Charlestown. Three years later he bought the store at 127 Main street, where he was located for many years.

Col. Henry leaves a wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Riley of Charlestown, three sisters and a brother, all of Claremont, N. H.

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## Italy's Army and Navy

The Italian army if called to face the Teutonic allies, would be an uncertain quantity. Of the efficiency of the Italian navy, which has scores to settle with Austria, there can be no doubt. The army on a war footing has on paper a complement of more than a million men. Recruited to full strength the regular force consists of 515,000 men, and it would be used in the early operations. Of reinforcements the mobile militia should be able to contribute 245,000 men and the territorial militia 340,000 men. An excellent arm is the 6.5 mm. Manlicher-Carcano magazine rifle, but some of the regiments of the territorial militia still use an inferior rifle the Vetterli-Vitali. At the outbreak of the war last August the artillery was receiving new guns. One hundred of the field batteries were using the 75 mm. Krupp, and other batteries an older gun. What is called the desert gun, 75 mm., pattern 1911, had been adopted, and contracts were made to equip 100 batteries with it by the new year. Of howitzers the Italians have a good many 6 m. Krupps, and they are said to be well supplied with siege and fortress guns of large calibre.

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next he becomes a member of the mobile militia for four years, and ends his service with a term of years in the territorial militia. The permanent army is well drilled and its officers are competent. The calibre of the reserve troops is to be determined, and the test of modern warfare is severe.

Italy has a fine navy and the spirit of the officers and men in the brief Tripolitan war was an assurance that they would distinguish themselves in an emergency. The submarine flotilla has made a name for itself in Europe in the annual peace manoeuvres. Like the Germans, the Italians have made a "specialty" of submarine tactics. It was estimated that by May 1, 1915, there would be six dreadnaughts in commission, of a displacement of 22,500 tons and carrying main batteries of thirteen 12 inch guns. Of pre-dreadnaught battleships Italy has fifteen, ten of them equipped with 10 inch and five with 12 inch guns. The cruiser division is light, but in destroyers and torpedo boats the Italian navy makes an excellent showing.—New York Sun.

## ART IN ATCHISON, KAN.

Its History Told by the Pictures on the Walls.

In a town the size of Atchison it is not necessary to join an art study class to learn the history of art. It is written on the walls of the houses in the town. When an engraving of "Washington Crossing the Delaware" hangs on the walls and a chromo of a woman with a shawl over her head stares over her left shoulder as though she were making a wish on the new moon, the house is ruled from kitchen to parlor by "mother," and she is between 60 and 70 years of age and believes in the "old masters."

When madonnas holding fat babies are on the parlor walls and highly thin women in red robes tooting bright yellow horns, which they hold to their mouths with wooden fingers, the lady of the house adores sacred art and knows how to pronounce Fra Angelico, Botticelli, Raphael and the rest. When there is a picture on the wall of a motherly looking woman, white father and the child look on, visitors at the house recognize the art that was born during the Chicago world's fair, and when "Breaking Home Ties" became the rage. A little later period in the art history of the town is represented by pictures on the parlor walls of a fine, healthy looking young man wearing a monk's habit, with the cowl slipping off from his thick hair. People posted on "art" know that is a picture of a monk.

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